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# Objectives and Expected Outcomes

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# Background

- Program to build expertise for the most important animal diseases and zoonoses in underrepresented regions
- to provide a more balanced north-south distribution of advanced expertise
- The OIE established feedback process to ensure project success, maintenance and further development of expertise and sustainability
- Twinning Feedback Workshop held in Paris 3/ 2011:



# Objectives and expected outputs

- Goal
  - Feedback meeting of OIE Twinning of Laboratories Projects in Africa Region



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# Specific objectives

- Specific objectives:
  - To share information and exchange experiences on past and present (completed, ongoing and applications)
  - To raise awareness of the process, benefits, and challenges, and
  - To reflect on opportunities to collaborate in the region between OIE Member Countries and Reference Centres and



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## Specific objectives:

- How to maintain and strengthen the networks
- To provide networking opportunities between the Reference Laboratories in the region and those outside the region as well as to promote capacity building and confirmatory services in the region.
- review global feedback and recommendations and their relevance to the Africa region



## Expected outputs (contd)

- better understanding of benefits and challenges experienced and determine ways to strategically focus new collaborations to the needs in the region
- Established new relationships and networks
- Awareness of services offered to national veterinary laboratories by RL
- Feedback to the OIE on Twinning projects in Africa
- new opportunities for capacity building efforts that complement the Twinning Programme
- Strategies for sustainability
- Life after twinning



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# Thank you for your attention

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